



Battle Road Scenic Byway Committee

Date: October 22, 2020

Time: 10-11:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Attendees: Clarissa Rowe, Chair (Arlington); Ali Carter (Arlington); George Parsons (Arlington); Heather Gill, Secretary (Concord); Paula Vaughn-MacKenzie (Lincoln); BJ Dunn (NPS); Richard Canale, Vice Chair (Lexington); Bob Domnitz (Lincoln); Sheila Page (Lexington); Connie Raphael (MassDOT); Jill Hai (Lexington)

Guests: Mark Gailus, Concord resident; Tim Moore, Minute Man NHP Acting Chief of Interpretation

Minutes

1. Rt. 2A update: Stakeholders meeting Monday 10/26 at 11 a.m. Topographical survey of roadway limits is complete and they are now preparing a preliminary design plan. The project is currently scheduled to be advertised in April 2022 and completed in spring of 2024.
2. FHWA Scenic Byway announcement: No news yet, but announcement is expected by December 22, 2020. Recommendations have been made to the FHWA but we do not know what they are.
3. Annual Work Plan: Committee welcomed Sheila Page of Lexington to the committee.
 - a. Goals:
 - i. Sign project
 - ii. Strategic plans for outreach by community
 - iii. Paper brochure for Byway
 - iv. Identify funding sources: CPA (except Arlington and Concord), MDI (except for Arlington), Freedom's Way gran

- v. Wayfinding study that encompasses NJP, Freedom's Way, and four towns on Byway.

For signage and wayfinding it was noted that Lexington has a rule that for every one sign that goes up two must come down. Ali suggested inviting Beth Williams of Concord and Visitor Center staff from Lexington to the next meeting to help us strategize on spreading the word about the FHWA designation once we have it.

4. Member reports

- a. Minute Man NHP: Alternate Transportation shuttle feasibility study to be completed in December. Study is being done by Volpe Center. There may be a pilot program in 2021, -22, -23. There are plans in place to update the Minute Man Visitor Center prior to 2025. National Park Service is rethinking Visitor Centers to be less necessarily indoors and physical in response to COVID-19. They are trying to get Barrett Farm open to the public. There are two vacancies on their management team; Visitor Center Manager and Chief Ranger positions are open currently. There are continued budgetary shortfalls that they have been adjusting to by shortening Visitor Center season and holding less educational programming.
- b. Lexington: New Visitor Center is open, featuring an interactive kiosk and brochure stand. It will likely close for January and February. Exterior bathrooms will remain open to public.
- c. Lincoln: MRVHS is open and starting construction on their athletic complex. They are not building their field house at this time. They will be having pre-construction meetings soon and more news will be shared as it becomes available.
- d. MassDOT: Lexington Mass Ave project is substantially complete. Rt. 2 Concord resurfacing is done and the lighting repair on Rt. 2 is 33% complete. Spy Pond sediment removal project in Arlington just started and will be completed in a year.
- e. Arlington: We are currently reviewing CPA applications and have been awarded two Shared Streets and Spaces grants by MassDOT. The Old Burying Ground restoration project is moving along.

Next meeting: Ali will send out a poll to schedule next meeting.